

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 4 remain pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the pending application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In this regard the Examiner asserts that the claims do not specify where the connecting member is fixed to the door.

In response claim 1 has been amended to be definite by amending to more clearly define the connecting member. Thus, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is not moot.

In the Official Action claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Harada, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0071047. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish the presently claimed embodiment over the applied reference by further defining the connecting member including a first extending portion having a connecting groove provided at a side thereof and a second extending portion having a guide protrusion on a side thereof, the first extending portion and the second extending portion spaced apart from each other, and a rotary member interconnected with the connecting groove of the connecting member

No new matter is believed to be introduced by the present amendment.

A tray of the present invention, as recited in amended claim 1, includes, inter alia, a latch installed at a corresponding portion of a housing, and a door installed at a front surface of the housing, the door selectively opening/closing the front surface of the housing; a connecting member fixed at each opposite end of the door to receive a force that opens the door when the latch is released, the connecting member including a first extending portion having a connecting groove provided at a side thereof and a second extending portion having a guide protrusion on a side thereof, the first extending portion and the second extending portion spaced apart from each other; a rotary member interconnected with the connecting groove of the connecting member at one end thereof, the rotary member having an arc shaped toothed portion formed at another end thereof, and rotatably installed at a side surface of the housing; a resilient member that opens the door by moving the connecting member hinged to the rotary member by rotating the rotary member with a recovery force; a damper member fixed to the housing, the damper member having a toothed circular portion, the teeth of which engage with the teeth of the arc shaped toothed portion of the rotary member, and configured to be rotated with a uniform; and the a guide protrusion inserted to a guide rail in order to guide a moving path of the door moved by the damper member; and the guide rail fixed at a housing side surface to guide the guide protrusion during opening/closing of the door.

Applicant respectfully submits that the reference relied upon in the rejection under 35U.S.C. 102(e) does not disclose such a combination of features. In particular, the presently claimed embodiment includes the connecting member 90 including a first extending portion having a connecting groove 94 provided at a side thereof and a second extending portion extending having a guide protrusion 92 on a side thereof, the first

extending portion and the second extending portion spaced apart from each other at bottom ends thereof, and a rotary member 70 interconnected with the connecting groove of the connecting member 90 at one end thereof, and this combination of features is not disclosed in Harada.

The Examiner appears to assert that the connecting member is disclosed in the shaft support plates 14A of Harada and the rotary member hinged to the connecting member is disclosed in the arm 76 of Harada.

In comparison, however, the shaft supports 14A of Harada do not include at least a first extending portion and the second extending spaced apart from each other. Further, Harada also does not disclose the connecting member 90 including a first extending portion having a connecting groove 94 provided at a side thereof or a second extending portion extending having a guide protrusion 92 on a side thereof nor a rotary member 70 interconnected with the connecting groove of the connecting member 90 at one end thereof. Accordingly, since Harada does not disclose each and every element recited in claim 1, the rejection of claim 1, and of claims 3 and 4 dependent therefrom, is improper.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) be withdrawn, and that the Examiner issue an early indication of the allowance of the present application.

Applicant recognizes that there is no right to entry of the above identified amendment. Nevertheless, Applicant notes that the above amendment merely clarifies the recitations of claim 1, clearly places the application in condition for allowance, does not require further consideration or search, and does not introduce any prohibited new matter. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment and provide an early

indication of allowance of the application.

Independent claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the amendments and the above-noted remarks. Dependent claims 3 and 4 are also submitted to be in condition for allowance in view of their dependence from the allowable base claim and also at least based upon their recitations of additional features of the present invention. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, be withdrawn and that an early indication of the allowance thereof be given.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based on prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to be attached thereto.

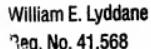
Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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